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SUBJ: LETTER TO SECRETARY ELLSWORTH FROM DEPUTY MINISTER
OF DEFENSE AND AVIATION

REF : JIDDA 5635

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A LETTER ADDRESSED TO ASST. SECY
OF DEFENSE ELLSWORTH FROM DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND
AVIATION PRINCE TURKI BIN ABD AL-AZIZ CONFIRMING PRINCE
SULTAN'S REQUEST REFTEL THAT ELLSWORTH'S VISIT TO SAUDI
ARABIA TAKE PLACE AFTER THE NOVEMBER 7-8 NATO MEETING IN
ROME. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER:

2. QUOTE: I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 22
IN WHICH YOU REFER TO YOUR MEETING WITH PRINCE FAHD AND
THE MILITARY PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING HIM DURING HIS VISIT
TO WASHINGTON LAST JUNE AND IN WHICH YOU ALSO REFER TO
THE JOINT SECURITY COMMISSION ETC. IN YOUR LETTER YOU
SUGGESTED THAT YOU COME TO THE KINGDOM TO MEET WITH US
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AND TO DISCUSS THESE SUBJECTS FOR 2-3 DAYS IN THE PERIOD

1-4 NOVEMBER. YOU ALSO PROPOSED THAT YOUR VISIT TO THE KINGDOM BE PRECEDED BY A GROUP OF EXPERTS TO ARRIVE AROUND OCTOBER 20.

I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT I WELCOME YOUR COMING TO SAUDI ARABIA. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE ABSENCE FROM THE KINGDOM DURING THAT PERIOD OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING AND HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE SULTAN AND THE CONVENING OF THE ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE, WE SUGGEST THAT THE EXPERTS COME AS AND WHEN YOU PROPOSE IN ORDER TO STUDY ALL THE VARIOUS SUBJECTS BUT THAT YOUR OWN VISIT TAKE PLACE AFTER YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE NATO MEETING IN ROME.

I HOPE TO RECEIVE YOUR CONCURRENCE ON THIS. BEST WISHES, TURKI BIN ABD AL-AZIZ. END QUOTE.

3. TURKI'S LETTER CONFIRMS SULTAN'S REQUEST (REFTEL) THAT SAG PREFERRED SECRETARY ELLSWORTH COME TO SAUDI ARABIA MORE OR LESS AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED.
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